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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
24,020	22,385	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
34	35	Public schools
1,590	1,580	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
132	132	Land area in square miles
182	169.6	Public school students per square mile
25.8	26.5	Public schools per 100 square miles

Figure 1

School-age population in public elementary and secondary schools

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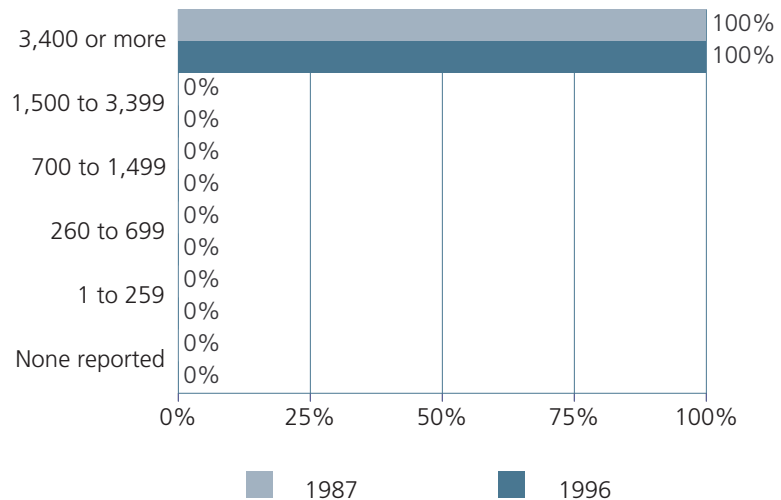
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
—	—	State population (in thousands)
—	—	State revenue per capita
—	—	State expenditure per capita
—	—	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
—	—	Gross state product per school-age child

AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	1	100%	1	Total public education agencies
100.0%	1	100.0%	1	Regular school districts
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Regional service agencies
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	State-operated agencies
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Federally operated and other types

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by number of schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100 or more schools
100.0%	1	100.0%	1	25 to 99 schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10 to 24 schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5 to 9 schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	1 to 4 schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	No schools reported

Figure 2
Regular school districts by student membership size



1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	34	100%	35	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
97.1%	33	94.3%	33	Regular schools
2.9%	1	0.0%	0	Special education schools
0.0%	0	2.9%	1	Vocational schools
0.0%	0	2.9%	1	Other and alternative schools

Figure 3

Distribution of public schools and students by type of locale: 1996-97

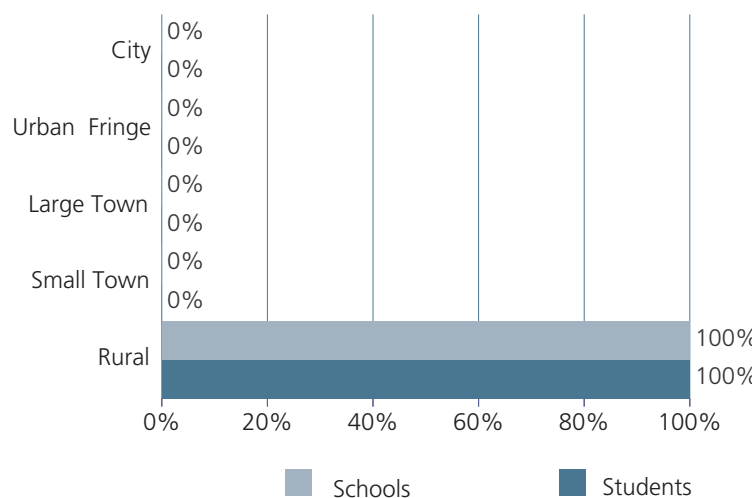
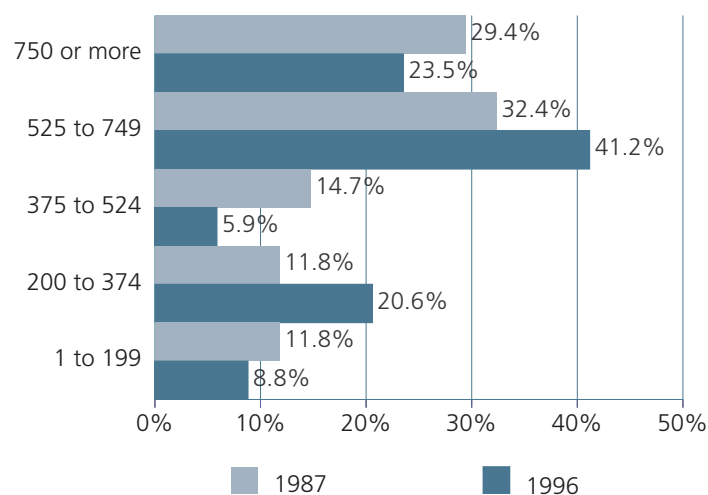


Figure 4

Public schools by size of student membership



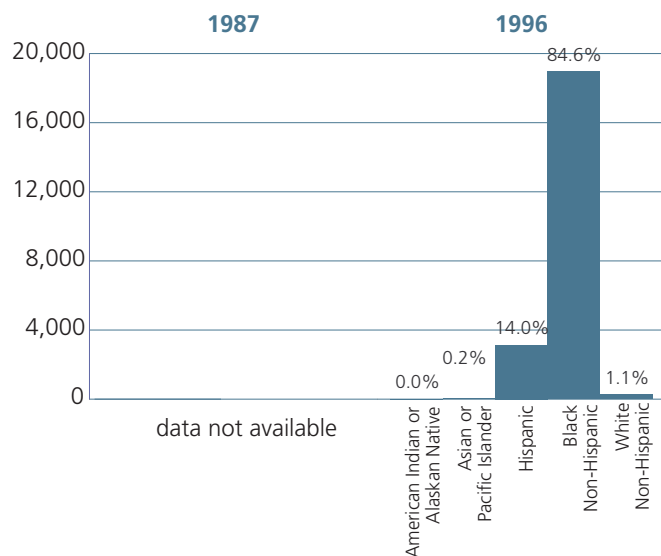
1987		1996		Number of public schools by grade span category
70.6%	24	65.70%	23	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	PK, K, 1 to 8
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
14.7%	5	17.1%	6	7 to 8, 9
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7, 8 to 12
8.8%	3	11.4%	4	9, 10, 11 to 12
2.9%	1	2.9%	1	Other grades
2.9%	1	0.0%	0	Ungraded
0.0%	0	2.9%	1	Not reported

STUDENT INFORMATION

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
—	—	Prekindergarten
1,805	1,626	Kindergarten
1,892	1,760	First
1,850	1,559	Second
1,804	1,594	Third
1,817	1,691	Fourth
1,810	1,646	Fifth
1,652	1,642	Sixth
2,213	1,959	Seventh
1,626	1,517	Eighth
1,975	2,429	Ninth
1,729	1,204	Tenth
1,364	1,402	Eleventh
1,305	1,063	Twelfth
1,178	1,293	Ungraded

Figure 5

Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category



1987	1996	
—	4.7%	Students in special education with IEPs
—	63.6%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	—	School-age children below poverty

1987		1995		High school completers and dropouts
68.3%	1,170	79.5%	937	Regular diploma
8.5%	145	11.8%	139	Other diploma
23.2%	398	8.7%	102	High school equivalency
	—		—	Other completers
	—		—	Dropouts
				Dropouts who were male
				Dropouts who were minority

Figure 6
Grade 8 1996 Mathematics and Science
average scale scores for the state (♦) and
nation (×) and the 25th (—) and 75th (—)
percentiles

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NAEP 1996 State Assessment

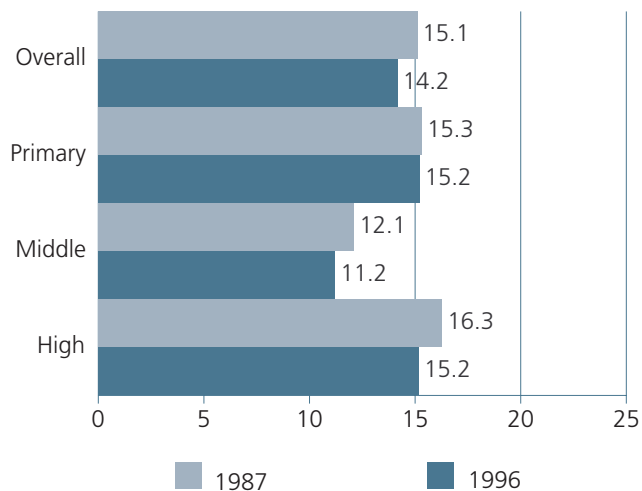
Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
—	—	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
		Students below basic level
		Students at or above basic level
		Students at or above proficient level
		Students at advanced level
—	—	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
		Students below basic level
		Students at or above basic level
		Students at or above proficient level
		Students at advanced level

STAFF INFORMATION

	1987		1996	Educational staff
100%	3,254	100%	3,185	Total education staff
				Instructional staff
48.9%	1,590	49.6%	1,580	Teachers
10.2%	332	10.1%	321	Instructional aides
				Support staff
2.1%	68	2.6%	84	Guidance counselors/directors
1.5%	50	1.5%	49	Librarians/library support
11.6%	379	7.8%	247	Administrative support
19.2%	624	22.9%	728	Other support services
				Administrators
2.6%	85	2.6%	83	School-based
3.9%	126	2.9%	93	School district officials/administrators

Figure 7

Average number of students per teacher, by grade level



	1987		1996	
	1.0		1.0	Teacher to all other staff ratio
	7.5		9.0	Teacher to administrator ratio

Figure 8
Average salary of full-time teachers
by years of experience

data not available

1987	1996	
\$21,913	\$21,913	Average beginning teacher salary
\$33,216	\$33,216	Average teacher salary

Figure 9
Distribution of public school teachers
by age

data not available

1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
—	—	Public school teachers with no degree
—	—	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
—	—	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
—	—	Public school teachers with a degree beyond Master's

FISCAL INFORMATION

FY88	FY97	Federal aid to education under selected programs (in thousands of current dollars)
\$3,100	\$4,704	National school lunch
\$114	\$177	National school breakfast
\$6,490	—	Title I
\$207	\$20,928	Education for the handicapped
\$714	—	Vocational and adult education
\$2,197	\$1,160	School improvement
\$804	\$399	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$156	\$535	Bilingual education
—	—	Indian education

Figure 10

Revenues by source

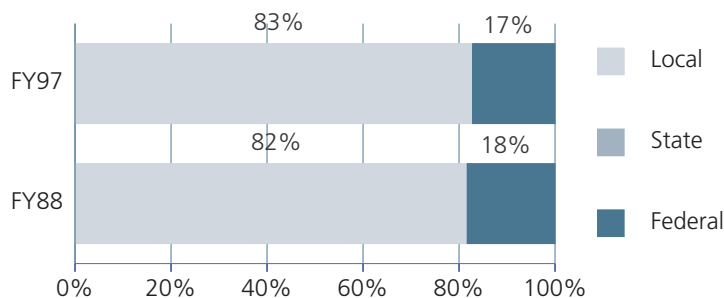
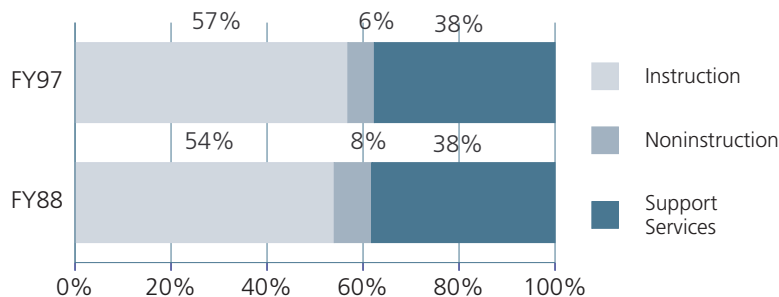


Figure 11

Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$106,533	\$141,786	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$4,435	\$6,334	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$89,217	\$122,188	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$3,714	\$5,458	Current expenditure per pupil in membership